

Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department

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Proposed Fire Department Budget 2008/09

Chief's Salary – The salary has been \$1,200 for the past 7 years. A \$200 increase would mean an average 2.38% increase over that period of time.

Personnel Pay – The full, regular members have been paid \$200 each since this line was approved. The junior active and partially active members less than full share. The figure of \$6,250 is based on the actual paid in FY 07.

Electricity – It's hoped the \$1,500 this year is enough. The average monthly bill is between \$100 and \$130. The figure is based on an average of \$125/month.

Telephone – The average landline bill has been about \$57-\$59/month. The cell phone is about \$12/month for a total of \$71/month. The \$900 is based on \$75/month.

Heating Fuel – We pre-purchased 1,500 of fuel for FY 2008 at \$2.689/gallon. The budgeted figure for FY 08 was \$2.33/gallon. The figure for FY 09 is based on \$3/gallon, and that might be low – we just don't know. Below is the usage for FY 2007.

Fire Station	1500.90	\$3,027.69	Total
Date	Gallons	Price	Price/Gallon
22-Sep-06	83.10	\$148.50	\$1.7870
1-Nov-06	117.80	\$241.49	\$2.0500
1-Dec-06	119.5	244.98	\$2.0500
20-Dec-06	193.40	\$396.47	\$2.0500
5-Jan-07	110.70	\$226.94	\$2.0500
18-Jan-07	83.70	\$171.58	\$2.0499
31-Jan-07	128.70	\$263.83	\$2.0500
13-Feb-07	134.50	\$275.73	\$2.0500
23-Feb-07	81.90	\$161.10	\$1.9670
9-Mar-07	144.30	\$286.72	\$1.9870
23-Mar-07	75.70	\$145.12	\$1.9170
11-Apr-07	123.40	\$252.97	\$2.0500
9-May-07	104.20	\$212.26	\$2.0370

Truck Maintenance – No change is proposed in this line.

Pump Maintenance – A \$500 increase is proposed. Work is needed on the pump in Engine 402 (1976 pumper)

Body Work – This line has been reduced by \$450 to leave just a minimal amount for minor scrapes.

Rescue Boat Maintenance – We spent a lot in FY 07 on the rescue boat to maintain the motor and perform some upgrades in the boat. The average cost/year is about \$700, but we do not anticipate any major costs for FY 09.

Radio Maintenance – Most of the expense is to keep our pagers operating, some 2-way radio reprogramming issues crop up. No change is proposed from the current budget, though the average annual cost is \$722.

Equipment Maintenance – No change from the current budget. This line is used to maintain things like the Holmatro Rescue Tool, the thermal imaging camera, chainsaws and other power equipment.

Lights & Batteries – We could use a new set of scene light. No change is proposed from the current budget.

Station Supplies – No change from current budget. This is used for cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper, paper and toner for the printer and the like.

Hand Tools – A very minimal amount is budgeted to keep current a supply of wrenches, screwdrivers and the like.

First Aid – No change is proposed from the current budget.

Inoculation Program – No change from the current budget proposed.

Respiratory Fit Testing – No change proposed from the current budget.

Station Repairs – This is a maintenance line for the fire station. We anticipate needing to address door locks in FY 09 which will be the more than usual expenses. While the budget is up \$200, it's lower than the 5-year average. We spent \$1600 in FY 07, much of that was for maintenance to the furnace.

Hydrants – No change proposed from the current budget, though there is one more hydrant in town and another one to be installed in a new subdivision.

Gas & Diesel – We spent \$900 in FY 07, have spent \$550 in FY 08 already, and have no idea what the price of diesel will do in FY 09. A \$500 increase is proposed.

Extinguishers – Many of the fire extinguishers are getting old and obsolete. We added two extinguishers at the fire house. When we actually use one, it's about \$40 to refill it. A \$100 increase is proposed.

Oil & Fluids – This is to do oil changes in the fire trucks. We generally purchase oil every two years. A purchase is expected in FY 09 to replenish the oil used in past years.

Foam – The average cost for foam is \$270/year. The big expense in FY 07 was disposal of old AFFF foam that we'd acquired. The \$300 will be used to purchase mostly Class "A" foam.

Air Pack Maintenance – The \$1,500 is based on the actual spent in FY 07.

Fire Prevention – No change proposed from previous budget.

Dues & Memberships – This is for membership in the Hancock County Firefighters Association, Maine Federation of Firefighters, Maine Fire Chiefs Association and NFPA and for some magazine subscriptions. The \$700 is based on the actual cost for FY 07.

Training – We are sending more members through the County's FF II program at about \$500 each. This will fund a couple of firefighters as well as normal training offerings.

Other – Occasionally we'll buy food for a long-term call. The average cost/year has been about \$50.

NFPA Books – This keeps the code subscription current.

Pagers- Our pagers are aging. The proposed budget will replace four of them.

Attack Hose/Nozzles – no funding is proposed for FY 09

Supply Hose – no funding is proposed for FY 09

Indian Tanks – no funding proposed for FY 09

Turnout Gear – This keeps getting more expensive, and under legislation being proposed, all turnout gear will have to be replaced once it's 10-years old. This is budgeted for a couple sets of gear plus replacement of worn pieces.

Radio Purchases – No purchases are proposed for FY 09.

Air Pack Replacement – At this point we are still hoping for FEMA funding for this project. To replace all the 2.2 airpacks with 4.5 (longer lasting, lighter, meets current standards), is about a \$60,000 project. This should be in the capital improvements line.

Equipment Purchases – no major equipment purchases are proposed from the town budget.

Truck/Ladder/Hose testing – No change from the current budget. The \$355 spent in FY 08 was for a new roof ladder after an old roof ladder flunked its test.

Total Fire – The total budget is up approximately \$3,000 or 8.71%. Diesel, Heating Fuel, Turnout Gear and Pump Maintenance account for \$2,500 of that.

Respectfully submitted,

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